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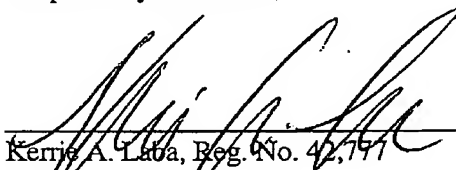
Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1, 9, 13, and 17. Dependent claims 21-23 have been cancelled. Claims 13-16 have been allowed.

Claims 21-23 are indicated as allowable. Claim 21 has been incorporated into claim 1, claim 22 has been incorporated into claim 9 and claim 23 has been incorporated into claim 17. Thus, claims 1-12 and 17-20 should also now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Keller (US 5030181). Claims 5 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keller in view of Jordan (US 4662499). These rejections are moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such. Fees in the amount of \$120.00 for a one-month extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds. It is believed that no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



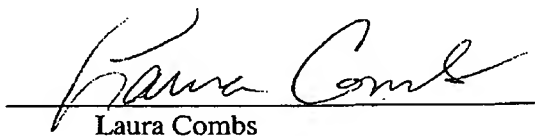
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